

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Joseph Michael "Mike" Accardi of Somerville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Joseph Michael "Mike" Accardi; and

WHEREAS, Mike Accardi was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardi was born on April 12, 1949, to Joe and Isabelle Accardi of Memphis. The eldest of four children growing up in Holy Rosary Parrish, Mike Accardi attended Catholic High School for Boys, where he excelled in both academics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, he furthered his education by enrolling at Memphis State University, from which he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in English. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and he was always a diehard Tigers fan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardi was inducted into the Memphis Catholic High School Hall of Fame in 2011, and he was always an active member of the Hall of Fame Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mike Accardi served with acumen and alacrity as a packaging salesman. During his forty-year career, he earned the respect of his customers, peers, and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, he was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mike Accardi will be remembered by his loving wife of forty-four years, Judy Accardi; his children, Angel Hawksby, Joey Accardi, and Wyndynne Throneberry; his siblings, David Accardi, Sondra Morrison, and Fancy Huie; and his seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Accardi leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Joseph Michael "Mike" Accardi, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Accardi.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.